

BRYAN'S CAUSE MOVES FORWARD.

Democratic Leaders Advancing United Party Action Everywhere.

Reports Thus Far Received Indicate a Healthy Support for the Chicago Ticket.

Western and Southern States Are Certain, and the Fight Will Be Carried into the East.

DIANA FARMERS GOING TO BRYAN.

Senator Harris Is Positive That Twenty-five Per Cent of the Republican Vote Will Support the Chicago Nominee.

The information from Washington yesterday is to the effect that during the past twenty-four hours the cause of the Democracy has made good strides. Public men like Senators Harris, Jones and Gorman agree on this statement. Each in receipt of large mail from all sections of the country, and everything indicates that a healthy sentiment is developing for Bryan and Sewall.

There seems to be very little doubt as to the results in the Western States, with possibly two exceptions, and none whatever exists concerning the vote in the Southern States. Some of the leaders now in Washington go so far in their statements as to say that New York and Massachusetts may well be considered doubtful.

News from Indiana indicate that the Republican farmers are flocking to the standard of the nominees of the Chicago Convention.

SENTIMENT IS HEALTHY.

Public Men in Washington Say the Chicago Ticket Has Grown Greatly in the People's Esteem.

Washington, July 16.—The sentiment from every section of the country favorable to the election of Bryan and Sewall has been growing rapidly within the past twenty-four hours. Not only are such men as Senators Gorman, Jones and Harris, in the Democratic party, advancing united action by the Democrats everywhere in favor of the Chicago nominees, but it now seems absolutely certain that Mr. Bryan will be endorsed by the Populist Convention, which meets at St. Louis next week.

It will be a hard matter for the so-called gold Democrats to check the tidal wave that has set in for Bryan and Sewall. Some of the best political prophets in Washington are now free in asserting their belief that Bryan will be the next President of the United States, and it may be stated in this connection that the politicians who made this prediction are men who have received reports from every section of the country, and absolutely rely upon the information they have received, believing in every way that their correspondents voice the sentiment of the people in the different States of the Union.

In this connection it may be said that all the information in Washington tonight from such prominent Democrats as Senators Harris, Jones and others is to the effect that the Chicago nominees will not only win in the Western and Southern States, but are likely to surprise the Republicans and Democrats in the Eastern and Middle States by carrying in the November election Maine, Vermont or Massachusetts, and they will also give the McKinleyites a very hard fight in the Empire State. This opinion is not only shared by Democrats in Washington, but by Republican politicians who know the situation in New York and New England.

Maryland will give nine electoral votes for Bryan and Sewall. More than two months ago Senator Gorman assured some of his silver friends in the Senate that he would support the Chicago nominee. He realized at that time that the Democratic convention would declare for free silver. Coincident with his declaration to the silver men he made an open remark in the Senate to the effect that he "had done all the dirty work he would do for this Administration."

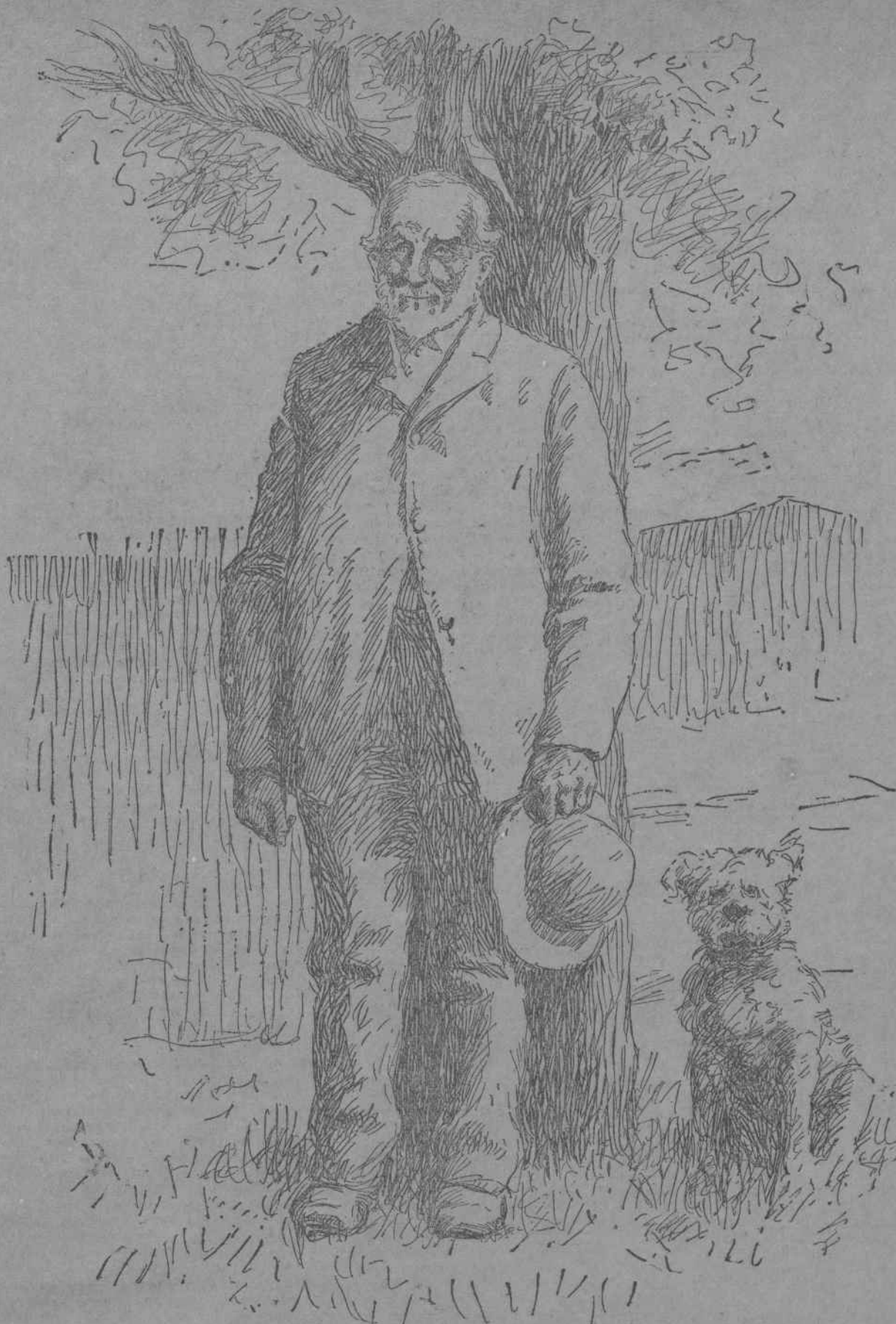
Senator Gorman's position has been fully misinterpreted by the Republicans and Administration people during the entire campaign. His recent declaration placed him right with the people. He will advocate the election of Bryan and Sewall, privately and publicly, and his influence will not only suffice to carry Maryland for the Chicago ticket, but will have great weight in several other Southern States.

The electoral vote of Maryland was practically decided six weeks ago, when Senator Gorman informed Senator Harris that he would carry that State for the Democratic nominee, whoever he might be. The Marylander's official statement was only an evidence of his good faith. He will make the fight of his life for Bryan and Sewall.

Senator Harris is just recovering from the fatigue of his labors at the St. Louis and Chicago Conventions. He was visible to-day for the first time. He said: "I have given the best part of twenty years to the study of the economic and financial questions of this country, and I have finally secured my own consent to espouse the cause of free silver. I consider Mr. Bryan, without derogation of other able and statesmanlike candidates, as, perhaps, the best man who could have been nominated by the Chicago Convention. He is an ideal exemplar of the principles put forth by the Democratic National Convention. No man can assail his personal record. His age? Why, if a man is not great at thirty-six he will never be great at sixty. I am an old man myself and a conservative man, and when I say that I believe thoroughly and absolutely in Mr. Bryan, it ought to carry some weight with my friends. I believe that the future of Democracy depends upon free coinage, and I believe that the future of free coinage depends upon the Democracy of this country. So believing, I give my vote and voice and influence unreservedly, and with a whole heart, to Bryan and Sewall."

"Why, look here," said the Senator, "see this pile of mail and telegrams!"

His broad mahogany desk was heaped up



MICHAEL O'CONNOR, THE "BLACKWELL'S ISLAND PAUPER."

with mail matter, yards high, and it overflowed upon the floor on either side, and even the easy chairs were filled with telegrams.

"See," said Senator Harris, "what a task I have. These must all be read and answered. So far I have only been able to skim through them. These letters and telegrams represent every State and Territory in this Union, and so far I have yet to read one which does not endorse Bryan. You ought to say to your readers that Mr. Bryan will not be defeated by the abuse of his enemies. While they call him an Anarchist, and his supporters revolutionists, I have documentary proof that the people are his friends. Not only the Democratic party but the Populists, age, and 20 per cent, yes, say, 25 per cent of the Republic, will support Bryan and the Democratic platform. For twenty years the people of this country have been seeking a Moses to lead them out of the wilderness. Mr. Bryan is their prophet, and they recognize it. You may say for me that he will carry the entire South and every State west of the Mississippi River with, perhaps, two exceptions. As for the East, we ask no favors of New York or New England, but we have hopes, and they are founded on statistics."

Says Maine Will Be for Bryan.

Portland, Me., July 16.—Delegate Frederick W. Plaford, of Augusta, says he intends to use all his influence to induce the Democrats of Maine to call another convention and declare for free silver. He is confident that Maine will be swung into the Democratic column this Fall, and believes that Bryan and Sewall be elected.

Connecticut Tilters for Bryan.

Hartford, Conn., July 16.—William Wheeler, of Meriden, and Henry C. Baldwin, of Naugatuck, two men for years identified with the labor organizations of this State, are going to support the Chicago nominees. A Bryan club was organized last night and one in New Britain, Meriden, Plainville, Waterbury and Manchester. It was given out by Bryan Democrats in this city that a grand ratification meeting will be held August 1. The more ardent silver men are arranging to open the campaign by holding a meeting in every town and large village in the State on Labor Day. About two hundred meetings will be held.

Hartford Silver Men Organize.

Hartford, Conn., July 16.—A conference of silver men, independent of the State Committee, was held in Hartford last night. Every county except New Haven being represented. An organization will be formed similar to the County Organization of Pennsylvania, each county having one member, and the chairman of each Town Committee of Democrats will be invited to a county meeting and steps taken for an aggressive campaign outside of the State Central Committee. A-153

INDIANA TO GO FOR BRYAN.

Democrats Are Becoming Convinced of Success in That State.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 16.—Advices received at the headquarters of the free silver Democrats indicate that the recruits from the Republican farming class to Bryan are more pronounced than those from the national ticket nominated at Chicago, and the Democrats are confidently counting upon carrying the State.

Among the Republicans who have openly declared their intention of supporting the ticket are some who have wielded considerable influence in their localities, and at Republican headquarters it is admitted that the free silver sentiment is more pro-

nounced among Republicans than it was supposed. The Republican managers in the Sixth District, which has a pronounced Republican majority, are apprehensive of the defeat of Congressman Johnson, and say that if he is elected at all it will be by a scratch.

ORLEANS COUNTY, N.Y., IS SAFE

Delegate Hanlon Says the Farmers Will Be for Bryan.

Medina, N. Y., July 16.—James A. Hanlon, acknowledged leader of the Orleans County Democracy, and delegate to the Chicago Convention, has returned home an enthusiastic Bryan man. He says he believes Bryan to be thoroughly patriotic and sincere, and a man of noble equipment for the high office.

"I most certainly shall not bolt," Mr. Hanlon said. "But shall work as hard as I ever did for the ticket. The farmers of New York State are tired of 25-cent corn and 50-cent wheat, and I believe their votes will surprise a good many Republicans. I am in nearly close touch with the farmers in this end of the State, and I know what I am talking about. Of course I refused to run for the convention, because that was the will of the delegation, but I believe New York State ought to have taken an active part all the way through. Of course I am not entirely satisfied with the platform, but have seen platforms that I was not satisfied with before, and am not afraid to trust a man as broad and patriotic as Bryan is. I don't believe there will be an independent Democratic ticket."

ALBANY INVITES BRYAN.

Chairman Chase Asks the Nominee to Make an Address.

Albany, N. Y., July 16.—The feeling of the Democracy of Albany toward the national ticket is shown by a letter which has been sent to Mr. Bryan by Norton Chase, chairman of the organization. The letter states the Democrats here are for the ticket, and asks Mr. Bryan to stop at Albany on his way to the ratification meeting, or on his return, and deliver a speech. The letter was sent because many influential Democrats insisted that a ratification meeting be held. There being no precedent here for ratification, the invitation was framed. The action of Mr. Chase is considered to be significant, Albany being Senator Hill's home and a strong Cleveland county. Prominent Democrats say that the county cannot be carried against the ticket.

Judge Jacob H. White, the delegate to Chicago, who advised no bolt, is being pressed to take the Congressional nomination.

MICHAEL O'CONNOR FREE.

Aged Pauper Leaves the Poorhouse to Enjoy the \$50,000 Left by His Dead Wife.

Aged and feeble Michael O'Connor, the Alms-house pauper who recently came into an inheritance of \$50,000, on the death of his wife, left the Blackwell's island poor house yesterday. For nine years he has lived there, and now he will immediately take necessary steps to secure the fortune which comes to him and his children by the death of his wife.

O'Connor is seventy-four years old, but he is very intelligent and fully appreciates his legal rights as administrator of his wife's estate. He said yesterday that he had worked hard as a laborer and supported his wife and eleven children until his health broke down. Then his wife had no further use for him, and turned him out of doors. "I learned of my wife's death about three weeks ago from a friend," he said, who also informed me that she had left some money. This friend told me that my daughter, Mrs. Catherine P. Austin, had applied to the Surrogate for letters of administration, alleging that she was the only living relative, secured a lawyer, and put a stop to my daughter's attempt to get the property.

Mr. O'Connor has been made joint administrator with his daughter.

DEATH OR FREEDOM FOR S. C. CARPENTER?

The Defence of the Alleged Woman Slayer Was Completed Yesterday.

He Says He Gave Mrs. Blackwell a Revolver on the Day of Her Death.

SHE APPEARED DOWNHEARTED THEN.

He Swears He Left the House Before the Shooting—Says He Attempted Suicide Because of His Disgrace.

Samuel C. Carpenter, the alleged slayer of Mrs. Rachel Blackwell, in Phillipsburg, was on the stand nearly all day yesterday at Belvidere, N. J. The prisoner showed remarkable composure and answered questions in cross-examination with much deliberation.

A letter was shown which was written by Mrs. Blackwell in 1891 and addressed to Carpenter. One sentence read:

"I am going to the pistol next Tuesday that you promised me. I want it."

"Did you give her the revolver?" asked Mr. Harris.

"I did," Carpenter replied.

"Did you ever give her another pistol?"

"Yes, I gave her one on the day before her death. She asked me some weeks before to purchase one for her."

In the cross-examination Carpenter said he first met Mrs. Blackwell during the summer of 1891, while she was staying with her uncle near Asbury. Her uncle drove her from his house on account of their actions. Then she went to Easton and later to Phillipsburg, he providing for her maintenance.

"What time were you at the house on the afternoon of her death," asked Mr. Angle.

"From 3 o'clock until 5:40," Carpenter replied.

The prosecution claims that Mrs. Blackwell was murdered between 5:45 and 6 o'clock, and its witnesses declare that Carpenter did not leave the house until 6 o'clock.

"What did she do when you left?" Mr. Angle asked.

"She kissed me three times. I returned the kisses each time."

"Was this an unusual proceeding upon parting?"

"No, sir, except that usually she kissed me only once," replied the accused.

"Did the three kisses have any particular significance that day?"

"Yes, the action seemed to indicate that she was in depressed spirits."

When Carpenter left the stand it was after 3 o'clock. During the remainder of the afternoon the proceedings took an important turn and the aged sergeant-at-arms had to knock repeatedly for "silence" because of the continued laughter in the court room.

Lafayette Robinson swore that he heard Mrs. Carrie Beech say she had sworn false evidence in the grand jury. He told Mrs. Beech that "she would be libelled."

Mr. Stryker asked him what was meant by libel.

"I don't know," answered Robinson. "I never saw a libel."

"Ever met one?"

"No," answered the witness, with all seriousness.

"Why did the occurrence impress itself upon your mind," asked Stryker.

"Because she told a lie."

"Then are lies so unusual down in Phillipsburg as to attract unusual and universal attention?"

"Oh, no; they can hold up their end down there," he answered.

Carpenter was recalled and asked why he attempted to take his own life. He replied:

"My family and friends didn't visit me, and I felt deserted. I was locked in a cell for the first time in my life. I realized that all my money would be used up and that I would be forever disgraced."

The defence concluded its case and court adjourned. The State will put several witnesses on the stand this morning in rebuttal. The lawyers may sum up to-day.

THREE GIRLS DROWN.

They Get Into Deep Water While Bathing in Lake Minnetonka, Minn., and Lose Their Lives.

Minneapolis, Minn., July 16.—While bathing at Lake Minnetonka, a summer resort near this city, Florence Mills, aged seventeen, and Billie Mills, aged fourteen, daughters of F. B. Mills, and Helen Cheney, aged thirteen, daughter of William Cheney, all of this city, were drowned yesterday.

The accident was due to their getting into a channel dredged some years ago to accommodate steamboat traffic. The bodies have been recovered.

RUNAWAYS COST THREE LIVES.

Mrs. Hoyt Killed in Chelsea, Mass., and Two Deaths in Michigan.

Middleboro, Mass., July 16.—Mrs. Augusta Hoyt, of Chelsea, aged seventy-four, was riding through Middleboro Centre with a party of friends yesterday afternoon, when the horse became frightened, overturned and completely demolished the carriage, and Mrs. Hoyt received fatal injuries, dying in a short time. The others were severely shaken up.

Manton, Mich., July 16.—Mrs. Foster, aged seventy-five, and her daughter, Mrs. Thompson, aged thirty-four, were instantly killed, and a son of Mrs. Thompson was fatally injured in a runaway yesterday.

Buildings Wrecked by a Cyclone.

Troy, N. Y., July 16.—A cyclone visited Washington County yesterday. At Dutchess town a barn was demolished and a number of other buildings were unroofed and a house of George W. Bell was lifted from its foundation and wrecked. In Argyle the telegraph lines were blown down and barns and outbuildings were destroyed. Out of an orchard of forty-five trees forty were uprooted. Barras and Mrs. Williams and William Beason were blown down and miles of fence were destroyed.

TWO CHILDREN.

The Hudson Claimed Wilson Peterson, and Annie Factor Met Death in the Waters of the East River.

Two children lost their lives by drowning yesterday, while playing on the river front.

The first was eight-year-old Annie Factor, who lived at No. 650 East Fourteenth street. With a number of other children she was playing at the foot of East Thirtieth street. A boat that was made fast to the dock attracted their attention, and they thought it would be great fun to jump into it.

Little Annie volunteered to make the first jump. Just as she leaped a swell from a passing steamer carried the boat further from the dock and Annie landed in the water. She at once sank and it was an hour later when her body was recovered.

Wilson Peterson, an eleven-year-old boy, living at No. 229 West Sixtieth street, was drowned about the same time in the North River, near the foot of West Fifty-ninth street. He had been playing on the deck of a coal boat with some companions and ventured too near the edge and fell overboard. His body was not recovered.

ACTRESS COMMITS SUICIDE.

Grace Wilson Takes Carbolic Acid in Spokane, Washington.

Spokane, Wash., July 16.—Grace Wilson, a variety actress, was found dead yesterday in her room at a hotel. She had committed suicide by drinking the contents of an ounce bottle of carbolic acid.

For many years she was prominent in legitimate drama under the name of Jeanette Rytene. Her father was a wealthy merchant of San Francisco.

She has two young daughters attending in that city. Financial distress is said to have driven her to the act.

Comments of a Suicide's Wife.

William Hellman, of No. 159 Sydnay Brooklyn, had a light stroke of paralysis, many last, and at periods since then, especially after drinking, talked of committing suicide.

He was fifty years old, the father of five children and was employed as a driver of a soda wagon. He quarreled with his wife on a day afternoon and left the house, declaring he would not return. His body was in the woods back of Schmidt's Hotel, at 6th yesterday afternoon. He had sent a bill to his brother, who was in the city, to come and see him, and he said he would have thought of it one at home."

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